SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF PART IV

1. In pursuance of paragraph 8 of the conclusions of the twenty-fifth session of the Contracting Parties (L/3155) the Committee on Trade and Development, at its thirteenth session held in January and February, discussed the arrangements to be made for carrying out a detailed examination of the difficulties encountered in the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement and for recommending measures for securing more effective and systematic implementation. It was agreed that to enable the Committee to review the problems involved and to decide on the best way to pursue the matter, Contracting Parties should be invited to transmit, as soon as possible but not later than 31 March, statements of the difficulties they consider the Contracting Parties have encountered in this regard as well as suggestions on how to ensure more satisfactory and effective operation of Part IV provisions.

2. The Committee intends to take up this subject at its next meeting in April or May and the Secretariat has been instructed to collate the communications received by mid-April. It will be greatly appreciated if your Government will take the necessary action and arrange for the requested statement and suggestions to be supplied to the Secretariat by 31 March.

3. In preparing your statement you may wish to take into account the preliminary background paper circulated by the Secretariat in COM.TD/W/91.

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